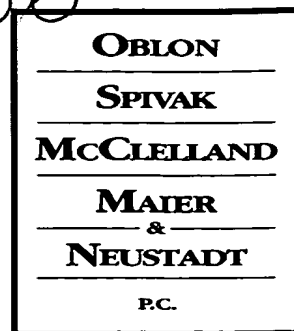




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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/641,892
Applicants: Hiroshi IZUI, et al.
Filing Date: August 18, 2000
For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-GLUTAMIC ACID
BY FERMENTATION ACCOMPANIED BY
PRECIPITATION
Group Art Unit: 1636
Examiner: Lambertson, David A.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Letter to PTO

Copy of PTO Cover Letter filed July 24, 2003

Copy of Amendment w/attached Substitute Specification, D1 (U.S. 5,846,790), D2 (EP 0670370B1),
D3 (ESCHERICHIA COLI AND SALMONELLA TYPHIMURIUM) P. 156-157 AND P. 302-318
(1987)), D4 (J. BACTERIOL., 181, 6679-6688 (1999)) filed July 24, 2003

Copy of Date-stamped Filing Receipt dated July 24, 2003

Copy of Request for Extension of Time filed July 24, 2003

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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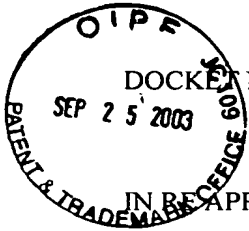
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Further to the discussion between Examiner Lambertson and Applicants' undersigned Representative on September 23, 2003, Applicants submit that a response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2003 was filed on July 24, 2003 as evidenced by the enclosed copy of the date-stamped filing receipt. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants submit herewith a copy of the Amendment that was filed on July 24, 2003, along with copies of all other entries listed on the date-stamped filing receipt.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

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- ☐ Check for \$110.00
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